

**OUR PRAYERS**

**Methodist G'town**

Gene Finger Card.16

**Baptist Mem'l**

Joyce Price surg.1/17  
Michael Dunn 2904 ICU

**Baptist Desoto**

Sandra Johnson 403

**Hospice Care**

Tina Gift

**At Home**

Earl Galloway Martha Ruth Allen  
Frances Morris

**OUR PRESENCE**

**January 13**

Church School 38  
Worship 53  
Visitors 2

**OUR GIFTS**

**January 13**

This Week's Offering \$ 1,990  
MTD \$ 7,115

**OUR SERVICE**

**Assisting January 20**

**Greeters** Peggy Brightwell  
Audrey Weaver  
**Liturgist** Bruce Hughes  
**Scripture** Happy Gbeneneh  
**Children's Time** Brother Paul  
**Lock-up** Neil DeLong

**OUR WITNESS**

**January Scripture Readers**

27 Jane Hight

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**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**

This coming Sunday we will look at the "First Sign" our gospel writer John provides for us in revealing who Jesus of Nazareth is.

Do you remember what it was - transforming water into wine. This miracle may raise some questions in your mind such as, why, of all the possible things Jesus could do to announce his arrival and intent as the Messiah, he would choose to provide a beverage for a wedding party running low on this libation. For some it also provides a stumbling block concerning excessive alcohol consumption.

Hopefully now I've peaked your interest to explore this more with me this Sunday. Hope to see you there.

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>

Psalm 36:5-10

John 2:1-11

Sermon Title

"The First Sign"

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- Sun. 1/20 9:45a Church School  
10:55a Worship  
12:15p UMW Executive Mtg.  
12:15p Spaghetti Lunch
- Mon. 1/21 Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 1/22 6:00p Cub Scouts
- Wed. 1/23 6:00p Fellowship & Study  
7:30p Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. 1/24 10:00a Bible Study
- Fri. 1/25 Offices Closed  
Set-up for Pinewood Derby
- Sat. 1/26 8:00a Cub Scouts Pancake  
Breakfast and Pinewood Derby  
9:00a AFLS
- Sun. 1/27 Scout Sunday  
9:15a Trustees Mtg.  
9:45a Church School  
10:55a Worship  
12:15p Adult/Family Min. Team



**TRUSTEES and  
ADULT/FAMILY MINISTRIES TEAM  
TO MEET**

...on January 27, the **Trustees will meet at 9:15 a.m.** The **Adult/Family Team will meet at 12:15 p.m.**, right after church. Please bring pen and paper and a 2013 calendar, along with your great ideas. All are welcome, members please plan to attend.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**  
What corner will you turn this week?

**THANK YOU**

Dear Friends,  
Your calls made me smile, your cards made me laugh and your prayers made me confident for surgery and are seeing me through recovery. Your love warms my heart. Thank you so very much.

Love,  
Kathy



**FOOD PANTRY FOR JANUARY**

Soup & Crackers



**BUS TOUR TO TUPELO MISS.**

On March 19 take a trip to see Elvis Presley's boyhood home, visit the Interpretive Museum and the Antique Car Show. Lunch will be included. Contact Carolyn McDougal for more information at (901) 861-0841.

Friendships are one of the few things that improve with age.

The family of  
Norris Gabriel

invites you to celebrate his 90th birthday  
and a lifetime of good friendships

On Saturday, February 2, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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Memphis, TN

Cards are welcome, but no gifts please.  
Your presence will be gift enough.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Our March to the Manger, in honor of Jesus' birthday, saw \$5065 donated. The first \$1000 went to our Scholarship Fund with the remaining balance going to Apportionments.

**DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES**

**Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church**

Article IX—Of the Justification of Man

We are accounted righteous before God only for the merit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by faith, and not for our own works or deservings. Wherefore, that we are justified by faith, only, is a most wholesome doctrine and very full of comfort.

Article X—Of Good Works

Although good works, which are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, cannot put away our sins, and endure the severity of God's judgment, yet are they pleasing and acceptable to God in Christ, and spring out of a true and lively faith, inasmuch that by them a lively faith may be as evidently known as a tree is discerned by its fruit.

The Articles of Religion are reprinted from the Discipline of 1808

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given for

**Honorarium Fund**

In honor of Tom & Sharon Lockhart in celebration of their 50th anniversary by  
Bob & Carolyn Bailey

**Memorial Fund**

In memory of Joye Smith by  
Jimmy & Jane Hight  
Tom & Sharon Lockhart  
Bobby & Lynne Feathers  
Betty Smithmier

In memory of Mary Tutor by  
Betty Smithmier

In memory of Ed Gabriel by  
Betty Smithmier

**Scholarship Fund**

In memory of Joye Smith by  
Duncan & Elizabeth Godbold



**LENTEN PREACHING & LUNCH  
AT CALVARY**

This year we will attend the Lenten Preaching service and the Waffle Shop at Calvary Episcopal Church on Thursday, Feb. 28. Mr. Michael D. McLaren, author, speaker and activist among innovative Christian leaders, will bring the message. Bus transportation will be available from the church. Be sure to sign up early. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the office window.